

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 72

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Boy Scout Troop 72 on achieving an important milestone, its 75th anniversary. Originally chartered on April 16, 1934, Troop 72 has turned hundreds of young men into community leaders, fulfilling the Boy Scouts of America mission to build character in young men and train them to become responsible citizens engaged in physical fitness and community development activities.

Troop 72 is in the Washington District of the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The chartering organization, the Roychester Community House in the Overlook Hills neighborhood of Abington Township, has provided a home for the young men of Troop 72 for many years.

Since its inception, 175 boys from the Troop have attained the coveted Eagle Scout designation, Scouting's highest award. Each project that has propelled these young men toward the achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout has had an incredible impact on the betterment of the community. While successfully fulfilling the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to train young men to become responsible, engaged citizens, Troop 72 has also successfully established strong ties to its town. Troop 72's annual food drive collects thousands of canned goods each year.

The Troop's active and committed adult leadership implement outreach, advocacy and fundraising activities to strengthen the Troop's enduring presence and serve as positive role models for these young men. Over the past 75 years, Troop 72 has served as a powerful catalyst, encouraging young men to make ethical and moral decisions and shaping them into productive, engaged citizens. I am honored to represent this organization's leadership and members in Congress.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary milestone of Boy Scout Troop 72 and wishing the Troop and its members many more years of community enrichment and service.

CONGRATULATING MR. ADAM MILLIKIN, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Adam Millikin, Jr. on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Millikin was born on May, 12, 1909 in East Carroll Parish, and is currently a proud resident of Lake Providence, La. In addition, Mr. Millikin and his late beloved wife were the proud parents of 10 children.

Truly an integral part of Louisiana history, Mr. Millikin's fascination with politics has deep roots. He was just one of four males who first obtained the right to vote in East Carroll Parish.

A retired farmer, Mr. Millikin serves today as a deacon of the Rose Hill Baptist Church. He has served in this capacity for 58 years.

In addition, his hobbies include watching his favorite baseball team, Los Angeles Dodgers, and following the news.

Mr. Millikin is a friend to many, and is deemed a gracious and hardworking person to all who have had the privilege of making his acquaintance.

Friends and family of Mr. Millikin will gather on May 24, 2009 to celebrate this momentous birthday.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Adam Millikin, Jr. a very happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF ROBLEY REX

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robley Rex, an American Hero from my home town of Louisville, KY, who peacefully passed away just days away from his 108th birthday. Mr. Rex always disputed the fact that he was a hero. He said he was only doing his duty, but to the people of Kentucky, we simply can't see it any other way.

The area's last surviving World War I era veteran served with the Army in Europe at the end of the Great War. He remained with the Army for four years, but he retained a commitment to serve for the rest of his life. He served as chaplain of the Okolona VFW until his death and logged more than 13 thousand volunteer hours at the Louisville VA hospital—since his 85th birthday.

Still, what made Mr. Rex special to us isn't the quantity of hours or years—though there were many of both—but the quality of his time. The veterans who had the good fortune to spend some time with him, during his many visits to the VA Hospital, spoke with a man who not only shared their experience but also helped blaze the trail for their service. For those brave men and women who served their country and received treatment for illness or injury, the ubiquitous smile of Robley Rex made a world of difference when working toward recovery. He tried to cheer them up, he'd say. And if you ask anyone he encountered, you'll hear that he succeeded.

Today, it's difficult to imagine a time when America was not yet the most powerful nation in the world, when the military might of United States was in question. Robley Rex served at a time when our states had been reunited for little over five decades and the road ahead lay in question. It was on the will, courage, and determination of soldiers like Robley Rex that the future of the United States was secured. Whether he admitted it or not, Madam Speaker, he was a treasure to our community, a true American Hero, and he will not be forgotten.

I am humbled by his life's service, thankful for all he did, and I know my colleagues will join me in honoring the life and legacy of Robley Rex.

TRIBUTE TO MR. D. M. (DENNY) SAMUEL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Mr. D. M. Samuel on his retirement with 42 years of service with Chevron Corporation of California.

Denny joined Chevron in 1967 and moved extensively throughout North America in the marketing department. As sales manager in Puerto Rico, and marketing manager in Canada, he was successful in notable advancements in Chevron's return to stockholder investment. He has been Chevron's legislative advocate in Florida, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California.

Most recently, Denny has served as chief advocate for the company in Sacramento, serving as Chevron's lead with the California State Legislature and several governorships for more than 20 years. In this capacity, he has been a true leader within the business lobbying community. He has served on the Government Affairs Committee of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association, and is the outgoing chairman of the Western States Petroleum Association's California Petroleum Resource Group. Denny has been honored by both parties recently, as the top business lobbyist in the State; by the Latino Caucus with a Lifetime Achievement Award; and by many peers and leaders in Sacramento and an honest and hard working advocate on behalf of California's largest company, Chevron.

Denny is a solid citizen. He has served on the boards of many community and industry organizations including the Sacramento Child Abuse Prevention Council and served as chairman of the River Oaks Center for Children. He is known for his compassion and willingness to help others.

Samuel graduated from the University of Washington, did post graduate studies at Golden Gate University, and received his master's in business administration (MBA) from Pepperdine University.

Samuel enjoys golf and fishing and resides with his wife and mother of four, Fran, in Loomis, CA.

I congratulate Denny on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to the energy industry, particularly in the great State of California.

CONGRATULATING EVERETTE BROWN ON BEING DRAFTED BY THE CAROLINA PANTHERS

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize a young man from my hometown who was selected in last weekend's National Football League draft. The Carolina Panthers selected Everette Brown, a graduate of Wilson, North Carolina's Beddingfield High School and Florida State University.

Mr. Brown was the Seminoles starter at the right defensive end position in each of the 13 games during the 2008 regular season, and he was a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award as the Nation's top defensive end. And, after leading the Nation in tackles for a loss, Mr. Brown was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference football first-team and runner-up as the ACC Player of the Year.

In addition to his tremendous play on the field, Mr. Brown has been a leader when it comes to community service. He has donated his time freely, volunteering at schools, The Able Trust, MDA Summer Camp, Tallahassee Seminole Club, Dick Howser Center for Childhood Services, Life Skills Center and Read Across America, among many others.

Madam Speaker, my community is extremely proud of this young man and I ask you to join me in congratulating him on his accomplishments. We must also recognize Mr. Brown's parents, Odell and Jenai, on raising this fine young man. I know they must be so proud and pleased that he will be playing his games so close to home.

CONGRATULATING MARTHA
BUFFINGTON, TEACHER SE-
LECTED TO ATTEND 2009
MICKELSON EXXONMOBIL
TEACHERS ACADEMY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commend Martha Buffington, a teacher at A.L. Smith Elementary for being selected to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

Martha is one of 200 highly-qualified third-through fifth-grade teachers from around the country selected to attend the intensive professional development program this summer.

She was chosen from more than 1,600 teachers nationwide by a panel of educators from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Their selection criteria was based on Martha's remarkable qualifications, unyielding dedication to inspiring students at an early age, as well as her overall commitment to enhancing the teaching profession.

The ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is designed to further help each selected participant to engage students in math and science, and to help retain their interest in these subjects through college and into their careers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martha Buffington for being accepted into the ExxonMobil Teachers Academy. Martha is an excellent teacher who is truly deserving of this recognition.

LEVI LOCKLING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Levi Lockling

who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Levi Lockling is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Levi Lockling is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Levi Lockling for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF
DEPUTY WARREN YORK,
OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Deputy Warren York, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, who gave his life in the line of duty on April 25, 2009. Deputy York served the Okaloosa Sheriff's Department with honor and distinction, and I am humbled to recognize this American hero.

Deputy Warren "Skip" York served his country for over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. A highly decorated airman, Skip joined the Okaloosa Sheriff's Department upon his retirement from military service and has bravely protected his community as a patrol deputy ever since. He could often be seen riding around northwest Florida on his Harley-Davidson as part of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club or attending church services at St. Michael's of Eglin Air Force Base. Skip will be remembered by all who knew him for his great attitude and caring personality.

Deputy York was killed when he and another patrol deputy went to apprehend a suspect during a domestic violence dispute. The gunman fired at the officers, fatally wounding Deputy York and a fellow officer. These two deaths mark only the second and third Okaloosa Sheriff's deputies to ever be killed in the line of duty, a truly sad, but powerful testament to the quality of the entire Sheriff's Department.

The people of Okaloosa County have many reasons to be proud of Deputy York, and I am honored to be able to represent those people, as well as the memory of this brave patrolman. Vicki and I will keep his entire family, especially his wife, Janel, and his son, Michael, in our prayers. May God bless Deputy York and all of the officers across this great country who courageously protect their citizens and their communities.

FEDERAL STREETCAR REVITALIZATION ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the Federal Streetcar Revitalization Act creates a transportation investment program that, under a competitive program, offers grants to transit projects. These projects must be justified based on a review of their effects on local economic development, land use, travel patterns, and greenhouse gas reduction potential.

This program will unlock streetcar investments across the country and will fulfill the promise of the Community Streetcar Development and Revitalization Act that I introduced in 2003 and which later became part of the Small Starts program in SAFETEA-LU. Unfortunately, the implementation of the Small Starts program failed to deliver any form of federal partnership to our communities. Communities across the country have struggled to utilize the Small Starts program as the Federal Transit Administration delayed these projects. These delays caused steep cost increases and stalled worthy projects that otherwise would generate investment and development in these communities.

For an example of the benefits of streetcar systems, the Portland Streetcar opened on July 20, 2001, becoming the first modern streetcar system in North America. This system has created jobs and spurred development along the streetcar corridor. In fact, the Portland Streetcar has spurred \$3.5 billion in new development in downtown Portland. The streetcar system also provides tremendous environmental benefits. The Portland Streetcar is one reason that vehicle miles traveled per capita have declined by 6% since 1990 in Portland, Oregon. Providing sustainable transportation options to our communities can significantly reduce our carbon footprint.

These bills will revitalize America's neighborhoods and urban spaces, while providing transit options, reducing sprawl, and curtailing greenhouse gas emissions. I am looking forward to seeing a resurgence of streetcars around the country.

KATERINA KUBLITSKAYA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katerina Kublitskaya who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katerina Kublitskaya is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katerina Kublitskaya is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Katerina Kublitskaya for winning the